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MEMORANDUM

To: To All Bureau of Reclamation Employees

From: Maryanne C. Bach /s/ **Maryanne C. Bach**
Director, Research and Development

Subject: Call for FY 2006 Proposals - Science & Technology (S&T) Program

Confronting Reclamation and Western Water Challenges

As the Bureau of Reclamation's new Director of Research and Development (R&D), I am excited about the opportunities we have to forge the development of new and innovative approaches to confronting Reclamation's Western water challenges. Just as Reclamation led the way in finding innovative ways to develop Western water resources, we need to use that same can-do attitude to find innovative ways to conserve and expand usable water supplies. We will do this by continuing to build upon strong alliances and collaborations with our water users, states, and other federal agencies and organizations that have a stake in responsible development and use of Western waters. The challenges are not ours alone to overcome; we are uniquely positioned to help lead the way and facilitate valuable outcomes through strong collaborations. I look forward to working with the many talented, practical, and innovative Reclamation employees as we take on these challenges.

New Proposals for FY 2006

The S&T Program is soliciting R&D proposals for FY 2006. Only Reclamation employees, from any office in Reclamation, are eligible to submit proposals. Proposals are to be submitted by July 29, 2005, through our online proposal system on the Reclamation intranet at (<http://intra.do.usbr.gov/research/propc06/login/login.cfm>), or on the internet at (www.usbr.gov/research/propc06/login/login.cfm). Contact Siegie Potthoff (303-445-2136, spotthoff@do.usbr.gov) or Angela Medina (303-445-2139, ammedina@do.usbr.gov) to get a user name and password to view or access the system. Existing users may log into the system using their existing username. If your password has expired, you will be prompted to change your password. If you forgot your password, call Siegie or Angela. Existing users need to use the new URLs listed above. The URLs and your bookmarks from last year are no longer valid.

Progress Reports for Projects Funded in FY 2005 and Seeking Continuing Funds for FY 2006

All ongoing S&T projects must be resubmitted by July 29, 2005, as an updated proposal that reflect FY 2005 accomplishments and planned FY 2006 tasks, to be considered for a renewal of funds for FY 2006. This is done by updating the on-line progress report that is linked to your project.

The progress report has imported the contents of your proposal that was funded for FY 2005. Any section of the proposal progress report can be updated as you determine necessary to show current status and direction of your project for FY 2006. The proposal data base will preserve a complete record of your FY 2005 proposal and associated work plan. Continued relevance and past performance and production of the principal investigator or research team will be considered in renewing funding decisions for FY 2006.

Additional Information

The best way to become familiar with the S&T Program and the proposal submission is to establish a username and password for our online proposal system. A complete overview of the program, complete proposal instructions, and a proposal practice tool that allows you to practice with our proposal database are all available to you through our online proposal system. The attachment contains a summary of the program and useful information about the proposal process.

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